First English-Chinese newspaper launches

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Publisher of the Vanuatu Daily Post, Marc Neil-Jones has congratulated the owners and staff of the country's first English-Chinese newspaper-the Vila Times (VT) on its first edition out in Port Vila today.

"Daily Post is pleased to assist with the printing of Vila Times," he said.

The 40 page newspaper will be printed weekly, a copy sells at Vt200.

The front page of its first publication saw congratulatory messages from Prime Joe Natuman who is also the minister responsible for Media, China's Ambassador to Vanuatu Xie Bohua, Finance Minister Maki Simelum and Minister of Foreign Affairs Joe Natuman.

PM Natuman conveyed his hope that VT will help Vanuatu know more about China and accord the Chinese people the opportunity to have better knowledge about Vanuatu and that both tourism and the economy will advance.

Ambassador Bohua sees VT as a platform of information exchange, helping the Chinese to better understand the local customs, culture, laws and regulations as well as providing a window for Vanuatu people to better understand the local Chinese communities, China and the world at large.

"The local Chinese people here are as much the bridge of communication between China and Vanuatu as the promoter of Chinese civilization," he said.

"I sincerely hope that all of you will do business with civility, live and work in peace and contentment."

In congratulating the VT Management, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sato Kilman acknowledged China's contribution towards the socio-economic advancement and stability of the region, as well as full dialogue partner of the Pacific Island Forum and a financial contributor to other regional conduits for development and regional integration.

"In an increasingly global world in which a nation's ability to successfully co-exist is often defined by the manner of friends they keep, Vanuatu is surely glad t have China as a close friend and development partner," he said whilst his counterpart, Finance minister Simelum said with the increasing number of chinese coming t Vanuatu, economic and trade relationships between the two countries would be enhanced.

Existing weekly papers include the Independent, Vanuatu Times and more recently the Yumi Toktok Stret Newspaper which launched on Christmas Eve 2014.

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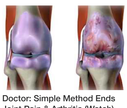
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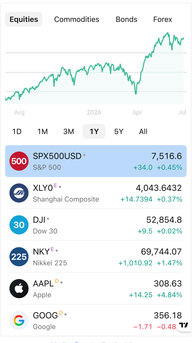

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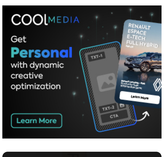

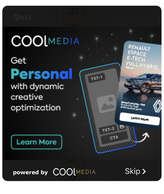

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